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TO:

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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda County Claims Board Recommendation

Jaime A. Moreno, et al. v. Los Angeles County

Sheriff's Department, et al.

United States District Court Case No. CV 13-07570

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled <u>Jaime A. Moreno, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.</u>, United States District Court Case No. CV 13-07570 in the amount of \$185,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit seeks compensation for the death of an inmate while he was incarcerated at North County Correctional Facility.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Jaime A. Moreno v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER

CV 13-07570

COURT

United States District Court

DATE FILED

August 12, 2013

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

185,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This is a recommendation to settle for \$185,000, the lawsuit filed by Jaime Moreno's minor child, Andrew Moreno, through his guardian ad litem Rosa Ojeda, as well as Mr. Moreno's father, Jaime Moreno, on behalf of Mr. Moreno's estate alleging federal civil rights violations, negligence, fraud, and conspiracy.

The involved Deputies claim their actions were reasonable under the circumstances

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$185,000 is

recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 176,568

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 15,658